

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 19, 2008  
7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Cohen Trustee Ed Blundell, Trustee Brent Kovalchik, Trustee Jack Gilfeather  
Absent: Trustee Jay Trapp

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Mayor Cohen asking all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**HIGHWAY**

Trustee Kovalchik read the following report regarding :

- Tractor purchase for the Village Highway Department

The Village Highway Department needs to replace a non-functioning existing John Deere compact tractor. Estimates received are as follows:

- Kubota with 60" bucket and 51" front snowblower ..... \$ 29,075.00
- Case with loader bucket and front mounted snowblower ..... \$ 25,057.00
- Ford New Holland with 54" bucket and snowblower ..... \$ 25,961.00
- John Deere with 53" bucket and 47" snowblower ..... \$ 23,564.08 \*\*

\*\* Request to approve by Trustees – sale of existing “out of commission” tractor and parts can be used to defray new purchase cost.

Proposal to purchase new John Deere compact tractor:

Tractor Cost .....	\$ 23,564.08
	- 5,000.00 - Snow Reserve (approx. \$11,000 in account)
Sub-balance	\$ 18,564.08
	- 3,500.08 – General Repairs CE – Highway 5110.4
	(08-09 Allocation = \$90,851.00)
Sub balance	\$ 15,064.00
	- 2,000.00 - General Repairs EQ – Highway 5110.2
	(08-09 Allocation - \$10,000.00)
Sub balance	\$ 13,064.00
	- 3,000.00 – 5,000.00 – (Revenue from sales of existing tractor)
Balance	\$ 10,064.00 - \$8,064.00

\* Proposal - 5 year bond to pay remaining balance.

Trustee Kovalchik indicated that the specs from Keil Equipment were attached.

Mayor Cohen asked if Board had any questions first before Motion accepted.

Trustee Blundell asked if the Treasurer had looked over other budget lines.

Trustee Kovalchik replied yes they were looked over in order to see where the money would come from; basically, it all comes from the Highway budget snow reserve – taking into consideration that this will be used to remove snow and that is a reservatory - not a line item – Mayor Cohen indicated it was there – he checked.

Trustee Kovalchik stated they didn't want to take anything from the budgets, so they are trying to spread it out so in the event they need money for a bad snow storm they would have that in the budget. Highway equipment budget of \$10,000.00 – last year took \$2,000.00 – we spent \$2,200.00 of that – hopefully that will become a pattern. \$3,500.00 came from general repairs from the highway. The point was to reduce the amount that needed to be borrowed.

Mayor Cohen that we need to stretch out as long as we can, then go out and solicit the payment.

Trustee Blundell indicated that the Tivoli tractor was not an option? Mayor Cohen indicated he went and looked at it – and it was not anything they needed.

Trustee Kovalchik said it was not been maintained.

Trustee Blundell inquired as to tarp system for one of the trucks for recycling – would it make sense to add that to another grant in for a bond for that

Mayor Cohen responded he had other ideas with regard to that and to hold off –

Mayor Cohen indicated a “no” to trade offer.

Trustee Gilfeather made a motion to accept the purchase of the John Deere Tractor; Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

**HIGHWAY**

Trustee Kovalchik read the following report regarding :

- CHIPS – drywell repair

A list of drywells, swales and sidewalks to be repaired has been submitted by Superintendent, Dan Streib. Estimates from three bidders have been requested. Funding for these repairs will come from the CHIPS allocation of 2008-2009 (line item #5110.3). Estimates are as follows:

ITEM	A.W. COON & SONS	S-J LORE	FRANK VOSBURGH & SONS
1. Pave new swale 155'x3' #5-7 Margaret Street Pave new swale 155'x3' #10-14 Margaret Street	\$13,400	\$12,800	\$10,800
2. Install new 500 gal. drywell and repave top intersection of Park Avenue and Church Street Ext.	\$ 5,700	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,950
3. Connect downspouts to new #20 1200 gal. drywell 6" SDR 35 for all piping to Drywell. Price to include Removal and replacing of all brick at the Village Bldg. (item #3 will not be funded by CHIPS allocation)	\$14,800	\$16,000	\$ 9,880
4. Repair catch basin at corner of Church Street and West Market Street	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,500	\$ 3,625
5. Repair catch basin and sidewalk at corner of Elizabeth Street and East Market Street	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,775

- 6. Install and blacktop new Swale – 260’ x 3’ at Maizeland Road
- Item #6 is currently being engineered.  
Estimates forthcoming

Total (Item #3 not included)	\$29,300	\$30,300	\$23,150
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**All bids received were estimated in accordance with New York State Prevailing Wage Laws**

**2008-2009 CHIPS Allocation ..... \$31,026.88**  
**Budget Line 5110.3**

Trustee Kovalchik stated that the 08-09 budget had the wrong number for 5110.3. Correct number should read \$31,026.88.

Trustee Kovalchik stated that based upon the three estimates received, all of which are according to NYS Prevailing Wage Law, that Frank Vosburgh is considerably under, and his recommendation.

Trustee Blundell asked about the choice in priority with regard to catch basin repair.

Trustee Kovalchik responded that it was based upon which needed imminent repair to avoid collapse.

Mayor Cohen indicated the need to keep an eye on estimates received from Frank Vosburgh due to discrepancies of \$3,000 on one and \$2,000 on another ...

Trustee Kovalchik said we should check to make sure bids submitted included all materials and to check on their availability.

Mayor Cohen made a motion, but indicated that the motion would be contingent upon review of bids received. Trustee Blundell seconded. All were in favor.

**“Intermunicipal Task Force”**

Mr. William O’Neil with the Intermunicipal Task Force was present and spoke briefly on the Greenspace Plan and thanked the Village of Red Hook and Trustees for creating the Task Force.

### **“PRESENTATION OF GREENWAY”**

Screen and verbal presentation given by John Clark.

Mr. Clark opened presentation with ideas of

- Walkable communities
- Tame Traffic Congestion

Draft Plan:

- Goals – permanently protect farmland and the rural countryside
- Strengthen residential and commercial base of the existing villages and hamlets
- Transform the South Broadway strip into a Traditional Village entrance – extension
- Use close-in smart growth development to help finance village sewer system

Presentation ended at 8:25 pm.

Meeting went into Executive Session at 8:30 PM upstairs in Village Building Conference Room.

Submitted by,

  
Lara Hart  
Secretary